



Center design is an ancient Nez Perce symbol called a whirlwind (Sa'plis). Other indigenous cultures use it as well. Its origin pre-dates any similar symbol related to European history of the 1900's.

History

The first Nez Perce Cultural Camp was held in August 2000. The concept was discussed for many years as a way to involve youth in a fun and educational gathering. An average of 100-110 students attend each year. This will be our **23rd annual camp!** In 2020, we couldn't hold camp.

Again in 2023, we will benefit from participation of multiple partners, with lead coordination by the tribal Cultural Resources and Education departments. Additional support will come from NPTEC Youth Affairs Subcommittee, Nez Perce Local Education Program Fund, Nez Perce Circle of Elders, various private foundation grants, and other tribal and community sponsors and supporters.

Mission Statement

To give youth a greater appreciation of the heritage of the Nez Perce people so they can continue the culture in the future. Overall, we want to increase the number of cultural bearers of the Nez Perce Way of Life (Nimiipuunewit), with special emphasis on Language.

The Cultural Camp appreciates the diversity and unique expression of culture that exists among the Nez Perce people, historically and today. We do our best to convey this to the students and promote respect for All Ways.



Camp Sites

We will stay at the MOSS Camp in McCall (8th-12th) and YMCA Horsethief Reservoir Camp near Cascade (4th-7th). Traveling from the Nez Perce reservation in Idaho, gives the students an appreciation of the beauty, size, and diversity of terrain of the traditional tribal homeland and distribution of different bands of Nez Perce.

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Application Due Date:

Camp 1: Mon, 7/17, 4:30 p.m.

Camp 2: Mon, 7/31, 4:30 p.m.

Deadline is important so we can make the extensive arrangements for each youth. Late applications may be possible if accommodations are available.

Turn application in: Education Services, Lapwai, ID,
Mail: P.O. Box 365, Lapwai, ID 83540

PH: (208) 621-4610

FAX: (208) 843-7387, Email: joycem@nezperce.org

Name _____ Age _____

DOB _____ Ph No. _____

Mailing Address _____

Physical Address _____

City _____ St _____ Zip _____

★ **Required essay, turn in w/ application:**

How does practicing your Nez Perce culture help you become a strong leader?

★ *What physical activities do you think Nez Perce your age did in the 1800's? How do you challenge yourself to get stronger and faster?*

Application is incomplete without essay.

Grade in Fall 2023:

____ 4th ____ 5th ____ 6th ____ 7th
____ 8th ____ 9th ____ 10th ____ 11th ____ 12th

T-shirt Size: Circle Size

Child: LG

Adult: SM M LG XL XXL XXXL

Please list:

Medical Conditions _____

Medications _____

Allergies _____

Does your child need a medical release to participate?

____ Yes ____ No **If "yes," please provide a copy.**

